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A TRIO IN JAIL.

Three Gentlemen of Leisure do the Pilfering act and are Escorted to the Bastille.

On Saturday three young men, ostensibly harvesters and threshers but in reality sneak thieves, drove into town from the north and before they were here many hours they were provided with commodious quarters with the sheriff. Their offense is stealing clothing and trinkets out of various stores. They came to town between 10 and 11 o'clock and at once got busy trading at different stores and at each one of them would manage to get some small articles into his pockets or under his coat while the others were engaging the attention of the clerks. At Jones Mer. Co.'s they got a pair of \$5 pants and a pair of overalls; at H. T. Woodward's they got a pair of overalls and at W. E. Stout's harness shop they got a lot of small things that in all were worth about \$2.50. They were not caught in the act in any of the stores but they made the mistake in putting up at the livery barn and C. B. Kinkaid happened to see them pack some of their stolen plunder in the buggy. Among the goods, Mr. Kinkaid recognized a pair of pants which appeared to be similar to a line carried by Mr. Jones, and a little investigation proved that they belonged there. Sheriff Haun was absent and Deputy Sheriff Purdy with the assistance of C. B. Kinkaid took the gentlemen before Squire Collins at 1 p. m. where they "fessed up" and the judge gave them 10 days in jail and assessed a fine of \$20 each. At first one of them wanted to shoulder the entire blame but the others were not smooth and confessed too soon.

They gave their names as Will Davis, Will Thompson and John Johnson and said they lived in Colorado. The names, of course, are merely assumed and it is thought that they live somewhere in Pratt county. W. T. Wheat says he knew one of the men. He says his name is Sidesinger and he lives at Iuka. Mr. Wheat stacked wheat for his father at that place a few years ago. It is probable that the other two also reside near there.

They drove a fairly good team and borrowed a buggy from Oscar Ormiston in Valley township, where they worked a few days, to drive to town. They had about \$55 in money among them, \$45 of which belonged to one of them. The team is in safe keeping at Kinkaid & Johnson's livery barn where it will probably remain until the travelers settle for their breach of the law.

A ROAST.

The Cresset's Mingona correspondent and the Prohibition candidate for clerk of the district court, is after the fellows who harvested on Sunday. Last week he handed this one out to them:

"Some of the header crews ran on Sunday. We do not believe in running on that day and so we went to Sunday school. Our crew was in the front rank when it came to finishing up. The week was fine for a run and we had had a good rest and the splendid run made showed that the Lord prospers those who trust Him."

J. P. Hall, in a letter to W. H. McCague, says that he, and Mrs. Hall will leave Los Angeles for Salt Lake City Sept 1st and that they will not be home until the latter part of October. He has been through Arizona, New Mexico, Nevada and California besides other place enroute, but has seen no place which suits him so well as Kansas.

STATE TAXES DECREASED.

The state board of equalization lowered the state taxes for 1904, at their meeting last week. Last year Barber county paid \$14,370 to the state in taxes, the highest in her history. This year the county will pay only \$9,591. The levy, instead of being seven mills, will be only 5.2 mills. Several causes contributed to the reduction. First and foremost, Tom Kelley and the rest of the state board want to reduce the levy as much as possible for the purpose of creating campaign thunder, even at the risk of facing a deficit in the treasury next year. Secondly, there was no legislative session this year and no army of assistant janitors and assistant superintendents of ventilation to take care of, and these combined circumstances made it possible to cut the levy down about 20 per cent. However, if the next legislature does not practice extraordinary economy there will be an enormous deficit next spring. There is very little doubt that the state board did not make a sufficient levy to meet current expenses.

Barber county had the good fortune to secure, through Commissioner Lake, an additional reduction so that we are still more fortunate than the rest of the counties. This county will have a total of \$4,779 less to send up to Topeka than last year.

O. W. RULE MARRIED.

Oliver W. Rule of Cedar township slipped over to Anthony last week and took a bride unto himself. The following account of it is taken from the Harper Advocate: "O. W. Rule of Sharon and Miss Dora Snyder of Wichita went down to Anthony Tuesday, where they were married. They returned here and remained until Wednesday evening, when they went to Sharon. Mrs. Rule has been the guest of Mrs. J. B. Litsey for several days." If there are more deservant men in Kansas than Oliver Rule, the Index has never heard of them and the best wish we can offer at this time is that his fortune is as good as his bride's. May success and uninterrupted happiness ever be theirs.

LECTURE COURSE NUMBERS.

The Lecture Course Association have selected their attractions for the season of 1904-05. They are all excellent numbers and are sure to please. The same prices have been adopted that were in force last season—\$3 for the same seat during the season, \$1.50 for a season ticket, taking your chance for a reserved seat prior to each attraction, ten cents additional charge for reserving each time, and 50c for single admission.

The engagements are as follows: Oct. 7th—Col. Ham. Nov. 18th—Wesleyans. Dec. 12th—Kaffir Boys. Jan. 18th—Dr. Daniel McGurk. Feb. 22nd—Boston Stars. March 27th—DeWitt Miller.

Clip this list of attractions and save it for reference.

STRUCK "OUR CARRIE."

Carrie Nation was knocked down at Guthrie, Kentucky, last Friday while chastising a young man for smoking a cigarette. The following press dispatch tells of the affair: Louisville, July 22.—Mrs. Carrie Nation, who is attending the fair at Guthrie, Ky., created a scene in the grand stand by walking up to John Williams, a young man, and knocking a cigarette from his mouth. He warned her not to repeat the act, but she did so, not heeding the warning, whereupon Williams knocked her down. Mrs. Nation was not hurt.

People say that the finest groceries in town are at H. T. Woodward & Son's. Phone 38.

ED PFOST IN TROUBLE.

E. B. Pfof, who used to be a common plug in Barber county, but who later rose to fame as judge of the Kansas City court, and now president of the Ancient Order of Pyramids, has a \$15,000 damage suit on his hands.

The following account of his embarrassment is taken from last Thursday's Kansas City Star:

A suit was filed in the circuit court yesterday afternoon against Edgar B. Pfof, president of the Ancient Order of Pyramids. The suit was filed by Attorneys Hairgrove & Hairgrove for Mrs. Catherine Van de Cruyseen, wife of Dr. Leon B. Van de Cruyseen of Kansas City, Kans. She alleges that Mr. Pfof assaulted her and she sues him for \$15,000 damages.

The Ancient Order of Pyramids has offices in the Gibraltar building, occupying a whole floor there. Mr. Pfof, as president of the order, has charge of those who work there. Dr. Van de Cruyseen was a deputy medical examiner for the order, and his wife was the scribe of the order.

The petition filed in the case is brief and states that Mr. Pfof assaulted her. Mrs. Van de Cruyseen alleges that Mr. Pfof enticed her to a hotel in this city upon pretext of transacting some business connected with the order. She supposed she was going to the hotel parlor, but instead, she alleges, it was a private room. She alleges that in escaping from the room she left some of her outer wraps behind, she left in such a hurry.

COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES.

The only element that interfered with the common school commencement exercises which were held at the opera house on Tuesday night of last week was the extreme hot weather. The house was packed with people, many of whom had come from a distance. The diplomas were presented by County Superintendent Lake in a few appropriate remarks, after which Franklin Pierce Jolly entertained the audience on "The Jolly Side of Life." The lecture was full of wit and humor and good thought and consumed more than an hour and a half and many wished it had continued longer.

The county graduating class was the largest this year in the county's history. There were thirty-four, all but five of whom were present at commencement. Following are the members of the class:

Walter Parker, Minnora. Anna Parker, Minnora. Florence Baiding, Medicine Lodge. Bessie Reiser, Valley. Winnifred Pratt, Hazleton. Goldie Murray, Valley. Clifton Hatfield, Turkey Creek. Jessa Cole, Nippewalla. Emma Whitton, Moore. Leora Florb, Medicine Lodge. Katie Weyer, Nippewalla. Percy Potter, Kiowa. Bessie Tilden, Valley. Florence Saunders, Sun City. Nettie McCain, Medicine Lodge. Mary Alford, Hazelton. Arvil Littell, Elwood. Will Austin, Valley. Libbie Burgess, Kiowa. William C. Graves, Elwood. May Enola Kendall, Sharon. Lois Shultz, Sun City. Amber Hunt, Valley. Stanton Ellis, Sharon. Percy Humphreys, Moore. Edna Stockell, Sharon. Tillie Shklar, Kiowa. Walter Saunders, Sun City. Lee M. Kendall, Sharon. Rosa Purdy, Lake City. Frank Goff, Kiowa. Laura Nagle, Kiowa. Clara Lonker, Eagle.

DENVER, ENID & GULF.

From the Wichita Eagle.

J. J. Cunningham, track manager of the D. E. & G., gave out the following statement:

"Work will begin within two or three weeks, on the D. E. & G. extension from Enid to Kiowa, Kan., to a connection with the Missouri Pacific. This survey was made some time ago and surveyors are now relocating, ready for active work."

"The officers of the D. E. & G. were out from St. Louis early in June and concluded to build to Kiowa at once and later to Hays City, Kan. At Hays City we connect with the Union Pacific and get a short line from Guthrie to Denver."

BASE BALL TROUBLES.

The base ball players in Medicine Lodge are becoming so numerous and so enthusiastic that they are working overtime. Two spirited and strenuous games were played last week—one on Tuesday and one on Friday. The first was between the leans and the fats and the second between the heavyweights and the lightweights, those weighing under 150 pounds being lightweights and those weighing 150 and over being the heavyweights. Tuesday's game, according to the scorekeeper, was won by the leans in a score of 16 to 17. On account of the heat only six innings were played. A. O. Walker umpired. The fats claimed a tie game but they could not out-talk the tallie maker.

Friday's game was about the most interesting that home energy has put up this season. The teams were pretty well matched and while the combined efforts of the umpire and the score keeper show on the face of the returns that the lightweights won with the very narrow margin of one score, common justice and popular opinion have decided that it was strictly a stand-off when each side is awarded its just dues. Seven innings were played. Charley Madden pitched for the heavys and Frank Gordon caught. Dick Woodward and Harry Sellers constituted the battery for the lights. Lail Sparks umpired the game and won laurels by discovering a new way to catch a ball. A fielder made a swift pick-up out of the grass and the umpire called it a catch. This was in the last inning and the decision lost the game for the heavyweights. John Merrill, scorekeeper, got into a sort of a friendly row with both sides over his bookkeeping and he resigned in the fifth inning and Sam Griffin was appointed for the unexpired term. If anybody knows what the score really ought to be, he so far has not ventured to express himself.

There were no casualties and the most interesting features of the game were that the most costly and ludicrous errors were made by those who were regarded as the best players. Messrs. Hall, Shannon, Lewis and several others were accused by some of the spectators as having sold to the enemy. We look for more games this week and would not be surprised to learn that one is in progress at the time the Index is being printed.

The books, as finally doctored, revealed the following record:

LIGHTWEIGHTS.	
Gano.....	1234567
Lewis.....	0010000
Shannon.....	1000010
D. Woodward.....	0000110
Hall.....	0000000
Field.....	0000000
Kinkaid.....	0000000
J. Woodward.....	1000010
Sellers.....	1001000
Total.....	11
HEAVYWEIGHTS.	
Martin.....	0000000
Cushenberry.....	0000000
Lynde.....	0000000
Parsons.....	0000000
Elliott.....	0010000
Gordon.....	0110000
Ireland.....	1100000
Madden.....	1000100
Lucas.....	0110000
Total.....	10

Mrs. W. C. Sellers went to Cherryvale yesterday to join Mr. Sellers and to arrange to move to that city where Mr. Sellers is handling oil stocks.

Dr. I. W. Stout returned home from Kansas City and St. Louis last Friday. He has not yet closed a deal to go on the road but has a proposition under advisement.

Several of our stock dealers shipped cattle to Kansas City last Friday and got fair prices regardless of the big strike. Among those who shipped were Purdy & Clay, 2 cars; Gaffo & Hoag, 1 car; Geo. Larkin, 1 car; Geo. Hendrickson, 2 cars.

BRING US YOUR

WHEAT!

We will not allow any Buyer to bid you a higher price and we'll take all you have.

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LOCAL NEWS.

A wedding in the north part of town is on next week's social program.

Those new suits at H. D. Fair's are what you and your boys need. Get in early.

Miss Mattie DeWeese and Miss Stella Smart visited friends at Isabel last week.

Andy Richards, the Wellington politician, was here last week to see Senator Long.

J. M. Hellings and wife packed their goods yesterday preparatory to moving to Coats to reside.

Adams & Co. have a complete line of undertakers supplies and are prepared to answer calls promptly on short notice.

Mrs. L. C. Goff of Kiowa attended the county commencement last week. She came up with her son, Frank, and Percy Potter, two of the graduates.

George Austin and wife and J. A. Murray and wife of Valley township attended commencement exercises here last week. The former's daughter and the latter's son received a diploma on the occasion which they have every reason to prize very highly.

The ladies of the M. E. Church gave a farewell party in honor of Mrs. J. M. Hellings last Friday. Refreshments were served. Mrs. Hellings was presented with a fine rug as a token of esteem and respect by her numerous well-wishing friends. Mr. and Mrs. Hellings left for Coats yesterday.

Notice the advertisement of Allen Herr' public sale which appears in this issue. This sale will afford an opportunity to get some good stock and farm implements at your own price. Parties who want extra fine milch cows or Poland-China hogs, especially, can not afford to miss this sale.

Those suits for men and boys are the finest out.—Woodward & Son.

Sheriff Haun took Marion Chaney to the Hutchinson reformatory last Thursday.

Harry Luallen is back from Alva and is on Chase Hardware Company's force.

Dr. W. H. Moore and Miss Gail returned home from California on Sunday.

John Thomas, a Phillips county politician, was here last week to interview Senator Long.

Clark Conkling of the Lyons Republican came down last Friday to look after his Barber county interests and to visit relatives—the Stone families.

Mrs. Z. Jackson, sister of the Larkin boys of Deerhead who has been up from Oklahoma visiting them, went to Wichita last week to have her eyes treated.

G. W. Cavanaugh has recently purchased the Globe Hotel at Sharon and is now a full-fledged landlord of whom everybody speaks in highest praise. Mr. Chamberlain, the man who sold to him, has a job as traveling salesman for a responsible wholesale house.

Mrs. E. H. Nixon chaperoned another fishing and picnicking party down the river last week. On Sunday they were joined by Senator and Mrs. Long, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Griffin, Mr. and Mrs. Otis Lorton and others. Of course, it is needless to say that no fishing was indulged on Sunday.

There will be an ice cream social at the Walstad school house a few miles east of town on Saturday night. A feature of the evening's entertainment will be some good vocal and instrumental music in which people from both the city and country will participate. An invitation is extended to everybody.

HARRY B. CLARK.

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